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परित्राणाय साधूनां विनाशाय च दुष्कृताम्। धर्मसंस्थापनार्थाय संभवामि युगे युगे॥



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Respected Elders, Brother and Sisters

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2014.

Let me begin by wishing you all a happy and prosperous 2014. I also would like to thank all members who participated in the elections last July and supported the management committee. In addition I would like to welcome the two new members of management committee and trustees.

During 2013 we have made fantastic use of our new facilities and despite there being only a few minor points outstanding to complete it has not affected our ability to utilise it. Notable events/achievements during the last year include (none of which would have been possible without your support!):

1. Regular utilisation of the Naklank Bhavan hall. I'm sure those of you who have been to the Mandir to witness the spectacular Durga Pooja (which is second to none in the North) and other functions.
2. Again we have been able to hold Navaratri Garba celebrations in the Jalaram hall, which saves on hiring another venue elsewhere, and also has no time restrictions. During Navaratri we had between 900- 1200 members visiting our Temple every night!
3. Murugan devotees held a recital of the 108 names of Durga maa during Navaratri, which was again extremely well attended.
4. We celebrated 108 recitals of Hanuman chalisa in the Nakalank bhavan, during which a blessed silver coin was given to members who participated. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Ashok Mason and family for Bhojan Prasadi and Amtratlal Chohan for providing the laddu.
5. Regular Elderly Groups are still running in the old community hall every Monday and Friday, with help from adult social care of Leeds city council. However, we could do with more support and encourage more of our members to attend.
6. Matajiki Chownki is held every first Saturday of the month. Should you wish to sponsor please contact Ushaji, Shravan Singh or Pujaris for more details.
7. Jalaram Bhajan and Bhojan has moved to the **second Saturday of the month**. Should you wish to sponsor please contact Niranjn Vakharia, Jagubhai Parmar or Pujaris for details.

8. An exhibition on the Life and Times of Swami Vivekanad was held to celebrate his 150th birth anniversary. The exhibition was held over 3 days in the Jalaram hall, and I would like to express my sincere thanks to SV150 group and Durgapuja Committee of Yorkshire for contributions towards bhojan prasadi.

The production of the plaques for life members is in progress in India, and are being engraved on marble with gold letters. In the near future, a list of names will be displayed on the notice board. If you think your name is missed out please contact any committee member.

'Take up one idea. Make that one idea your life - think of it, dream of it, live on that idea. Let the brain, muscles, nerves, every part of your body, be full of that idea, and just leave every other idea alone. This is the way to success.'
-Swami Vivekananda

We are hoping to hold religious discourses during spring and summer holidays, details of which will be published in the next newsletter once we have received firm dates from various Kathakar.

In the interests of providing a welcoming and peaceful place for worship I would like to relay some feedback from our members.

- Some members are making too much noise and talking excessively loud in the mandir, this is disturbing others who are trying to meditate/pray. **Please don't use mobile phones in the mandir hall as it causes disturbance to other devotees.** Please switch off mobiles or put them on silent.
- Please do not enter the garbhgriha (don't go beyond marble railings) unless explicitly requested to do so by the pujaris.

The use of our traditional lamps causes the Temple hall to become dark due to build up of soot. However, we endeavour to paint the ceiling and walls regularly, supported by contributions of at least £500 from Murugan devotees. I would like to express my sincere thanks for their support.

The management committee would like to take this opportunity to pay their respects to member of the community who have sadly passed away. Our thoughts are with their families and relatives. Let us pray and remember our loved ones.

'Triptaji Sharma'
'Kaushalyaji Hargun'
'Akhand Saubhagyavati Jasuben R Parmar'
'Manharbhai Patel'
'Ayodhya Prasad Sekri'
'Ganga-Swarup Santaben D. Patel'
'Akhand Saubhagyavati Minakshiben R Parmar'
'Ganga-Swarup Ravaben G. Miyangar'
'Khushalbhai Patel'
'Ganga-Swarup Lalitaben G. Parmar'
'Ganga-Swarup Jayaben Narshidas Khetani'
'Jayantibhai C Patel'
'Pravintal Magenbhai Parmar'
'Madanbhai Dalubhai Chavda'
'Navinchandra Bhikubhai Raj'
'Sukhdevraj Sandhir'
'Natubhai Jadav'.

Aum Namah Shivaya

